

REMARKS

This is a response to the January 11, 2005 Office Communication in which Applicants' November 1, 2004 response to the October 1, 2004 Restriction Requirement was objected to as being incomplete. Specifically, and as set forth in the Office Communication, Applicants' response failed to elect between the identified species A-F or to identify which of the claims read on the elected species. Applicants thank the Examiner for this opportunity to supplement the original response. In hindsight, it is now apparent that page 3 of the Restriction Requirement was not received by Applicants and therefore the identified species were not discussed on the version of the Restriction Requirement Applicants received.

Applicants confirm the election of Group 1, which includes claims 1-45 and 67-75. Responsive to the Examiner's identified species A-F, Applicants elect Species C, which corresponds to Fig. 11, for initial prosecution. As an aside, Applicants submit that to the extent election by Figures is appropriate, Fig. 9 should have been identified as a distinct species. However, faced with only the identified Species A-F to elect from, Applicants elect Species C. Applicants submit that claims 1-7, 8-17, 19-31, 33-45, and 67-75 read on the elected Species.

With the above election of claims for initial examination, Applicants submit that all of the issues raised in the Restriction Requirement have been addressed. If the Examiner has any questions or identifies any remaining issues that may be resolved in a telephone interview to advance prosecution of the present

application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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